

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Gerhard HAMPRECHT et al  
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Examiner : John Mabry

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 24, 2009, please consider the following remarks. Accordingly, with a request for a one-month extension of time, this amendment is being timely filed on or before January 25, 2010 (January 24<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday). The Director is authorized to charge any fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.